

NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME BACK FROM YOUR BCSS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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As educators, and those invested in the development of our youth, September is always an exciting time. The return of the students to our buildings and the inevitable energy they bring is always invigorating. The offering of a fresh start and clean slate is renewing. The new school year is upon us, and I would like to welcome each of you back.

We have been working hard on your behalf over the summer and are excited as school teams start up and we start seeing our student-athletes in training and competition in the weeks and months to come.

Last year, BCSS completed an intensive Strategic Planning process. There is a detailed report available on our website, but a 1-page summary was sent to every Athletic Director and Principal outlining the plan, as well as our updated mission statement, which reads: **To foster the development of good character through positive and equitable school-based sport experiences.**

I thank each of you, for your contributions

to your school community in an effort to fulfill this mission. You will see further in the newsletter some updates on policy changes from the May 2017 AGM, and your handbooks and calendars should have arrived already. One area we are focusing on is support and development of the Athletic Directors. To this extent, we have created our first online course, which is the Athletic Director's Survival guide. This course will take 20-30 minutes, but will give AD's a very basic overview of the role, and some key things to understand to help you survive the first few months on the job. We recommend it for all AD's, but those who are in their first or second year will find it especially helpful. We will be looking to develop other courses and tools for our AD's over the year.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, and the staff here at BCSS, we wish you the very best for the year ahead. Please don't hesitate to reach out to our office with any questions or concerns you may have regarding school sport in BC.

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR TRAINING

Check out our **NEW ONLINE COURSE!** Athletic Director Survival Guide - the most important things to know about surviving as an Athletic Director.



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2018 -2019 RULE CHANGES

The 2018 BCSS AGM was a great success! We had 209 member schools represented, 39 out of the 47 resolutions passed, meaning there will be many new policies in place this year. Updated policies have been highlighted in grey throughout the handbook to making finding them easier. Below is a summary of some of the larger policy changes:

MEMBERSHIP FEES

The BCSS Board has the fiduciary responsibility of the organization. They will set the membership fees after the AGM each year. An increase in fees of 12% or greater requires approval of the membership at an extraordinary meeting.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TIERING

Girls Volleyball will no longer use the current year's 1701 numbers for tiering. They will now follow all other BCSS sports and establish tiering numbers using the previous year's 1701 numbers as submitted to the Ministry of Education.

INDIVIDUAL STUDENT-ATHLETES PLAYING UP TO A MORE SENIOR SCHOOL

Students attending middle and junior schools are only able to play up to their feeder senior school in team sports if the senior school has a population of 350 students or fewer. Students are not able to play up to a senior feeder school in individual sports.

RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT

When a student does not meet the residency requirement to participate, they will become fully ineligible. If after 12 months, the student has maintained the same living arrangements, they will become eligible if they meet all other eligibility requirements.

ONE SUBMISSION PER STUDENT PER SCHOOL YEAR

Schools may only submit one School Declaration or Eligibility Application per student per school year, they may not submit both, or more than one of the same form. If the application is denied, schools have the ability to appeal.

CHANGE IN PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE

When a student moves principal residences and previously attended a French Immersion program (public schools) they will become eligible at the nearest public school with a French Immersion program.

Students who previously attended an Independent school and moves principal residences will become eligible at the nearest Independent school within the same FISA Member Association Group as their leaving school:

- FISA Groups
 - Association of Christian Schools International
 - Associate Member Group
 - Catholic Independent Schools International Society Committee
 - Society of Christian Schools BC

If the students leaving school does not belong to any of the above FISA Member Association Groups the student will become eligible at the nearest independent school.

BOARDING & INTERNATIONAL STUDENT-ATHLETES

International & Boarding Students who receive financial aid in the form of bursaries, grants, scholarships, or third party funding toward their tuition, food, or housing will not be eligible to compete in a BCSS activity.

2018 - 2019 BCSS FORMS

BC School Sports has released the new updated versions of the 2018-2019 Eligibility Forms. Please use the new forms when submitting applications to BCSS. Outdated forms will not be accepted.

All forms are to be submitted to info@bcschoolsports.ca

2018-2018 Forms

WELCOME TO NEW BCSS ELIGIBILITY OFFICER 2 GEOFF DAVIES



BC School Sports is happy to announce our new Eligibility Officer, Geoff Davies. Geoff has been in the educational field for 29 years both as a teacher and a vice-principal in the Abbotsford School District.

Geoff has coached a variety of sports throughout his career but has a passion for Football. He was a member of the BC High School Football Commission Executive from 1992 - 2006 serving in many different roles, including President. Geoff is a firm believer in the values that school sport instils in student-athletes. We are confident that his skills and experience will be an asset to BC School Sports.

Geoff will primarily adjudicate School Declarations and Compliance and Authorization Forms. Please join us in welcoming Geoff to this role.

The Eligibility Officer role is remote, and will be based off-site. Please send all eligibility forms and inquiries to info@bcschoolsports.ca.



2018-2019 TIERING NUMBERS

Tiering numbers are determined by the previous years September 1701 numbers as submitted to the Ministry of Education. Version 2 of the 2018-2019 Tiering numbers has been published on the BCSS website. Please check your school numbers to ensure they are correct.

Tiering Version 2

Tiering Appeals may be submitted for the following:

- Addition or deletion of grades in a member school.
- School/District Re-organization.
- Changes in enrolment in excess of 5% of the current year's grade 11 & 12 students in a member school compared to the previous year's 1701.

Please send Tiering Appeals to info@bcschoolsports.ca by October 1, 2018.

Tiering Appeal Form



2018 - 2019 BCSS FALL DEADLINE DATES

September 11	EAC Submission Deadline (2:00pm)
September 15	EAC Meeting
September 25	EAC Submission Deadline (2:00pm)
September 29	EAC Meeting
September 30	Membership Fees Due
October 1	Tiering Appeal Deadline
October 3	Team Registration Deadline
October 17	Roster Registration Deadline
October 23	EAC Submission Deadline (2:00pm)
October 27	EAC Meeting
November 20	EAC Submission Deadline (2:00pm)
November 24	EAC Meeting

ACCOMMODATION DIRECTORY

Are your teams travelling this school year? Do they need a place to stay?

Check out the **BCSS online accommodation directory** for places to stay! Great team rates!

NEW ATHLETIC DIRECTOR OR PRINCIPAL?

Is there a new Athletic Director or Principal at your school? If so please send the updated contact information to: info@bcschoolsports.ca

MEMBERSHIP PACKAGES

Annual Membership Packages have been sent to school district offices! Keep an eye out for delivery in September. The 2018 - 2019 Handbook and Calendar are also accessible online.

2018 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF ATHLETICS EXCELLENCE

HOSTED BY THE BCSS TRACK & FIELD COMMISSION & VANCOUVER COLLEGE STRENGTH & CONDITIONING

The 2018 International Conference of Athletics Excellence will be hosted at Vancouver College on October 19th - 20th, 2018. The first 100 Registrations will get an early bird discount of \$119.99, be sure to register quickly! The regular registration fee is \$149.99, with a deadline of October 6th, 2018.

Event Registration & Brochure



NATIONAL COACHES WEEK - SEPTEMBER 22 - 30, 2018

National Coaches Week is a week to celebrate the positive impact coaches have on athletes and communities across Canada. This week is an opportunity to recognize coaches for the integral role they play by saying #ThanksCoach.

With events held across the country to celebrate coaching, National Coaches Week provides coaches with the recognition they deserve for the time they devote to ensuring Canadians live an active, healthy lifestyle.

Stay up to date with everything happening leading up to National Coaches Week by visiting www.coach.ca/nationalcoachesweek and by following along on Facebook and Twitter using #CoachesWeek and #ThanksCoach.



2018 - 2019 FALL CHAMPIONSHIP DATES

November 1 - 3	A Boys Soccer	Duncan
November 3	Cross Country	Nanaimo
November 7 - 9	AA Field Hockey	Vancouver
November 14 - 16	AAA Field Hockey	Surrey
November 16 - 17	Aquatics	Richmond
November 19 - 21	AA Boys Soccer	Burnaby
November 22 - 24	AAA Boys Soccer	Burnaby
November 22 - 24	A Boys Volleyball	Prince George
November 28 - December 1	AA/AAA Boys Volleyball	Langley
November 29 - December 1	A Girls Volleyball	Nanaimo
November 29 - December 1	AA Girls Volleyball	Burnaby
November 29 - December 1	AAA Girls Volleyball	Powell River
November 29 - December 1	AAAA Girls Volleyball	Penticton
December 1	AA/AAA Football	Vancouver



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